of power, tax holiday of ten years has been announced in the Union Budget 2001-02. Five-year tax holiday for the telecommunication sector has been extended till March 2003.

- A National Highway Development Project (NHDP), with a total length of 13252 kms. (consisting of Golden Quadrilateral and an additional North-South Corridor conneting Kashmir to Kanyakumari and an East-West Corridor linking Silchar to Saurashtra), has been finalized to ease congestion and improve the riding quality of the country's major NH corridors.
- A dedicated fund from cess on petrol and diesel has been created for road building.

Complaints filed against India at WTO

†1711. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints filed against India at WTO;

(b) the countries which filed these complaints alongwith the subjects of these complaints;

(c) the complaints in which decisions went against India; and

(d) the amount spent by India in this legal battle?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) So far thirteen complaints have been filed against India in the Dispute Settlement Body of the WTO;

(b) The Countries which filed these complaints alongwith the subjects are: BY US on subjects of Patents; Quantitative Restrictions and Auto Policy; By EC on subjects of Patents; Quantitative Restrictions; Export Measures on Raw Hides and Skins; Import Restrictions; Customs Duties and Auto Policy; By Australia on subject of Quantitative Restrictions; By New Zealand on subject of Quantitative Restrictions; By Canada on subject of Quantitative Restrictions; By Switzerland on subject of Quantitative Restrictions;

(c) Out of these thirteen complaints so far five complaints have gone to the panel / Appellate Body stage. The complaints against our Auto Policy by both EC and the US are presently under examination by a single panel. The three complaints in which the decision went against India are the two separate complaints by EC and US against our Patents Policy and a complaint by the US

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against quantitative restrictions maintained by India. The remaining complaints have not gone to the Panel stage as these were not pursued by the complainant countries.

(d) The amount spent by India on legal fees in these five disputes which have gone to the panel / Appellate Body stage is approximately Rs. 1.16 crores.

Decline in export of wheat

†1712. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of wheat has decreased in the previous months;

(b) if so, the rate of this decrease;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to come out of this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) The total quantity and value of wheat exported during Jan-May, 2001 is as under:—

Month	Quantity (MT)	Value (Rs. crores)
Jan, 2001	244279	103.04
Fe., 2001	180151	93.41
March, 2001	439835	223.73
April, 2001	292810	149.07
May, 2001	294445	163.91

(Source: DGCI & S, Kolkata)

(c) and (d) The export of wheat would depend upon international demand and supply position, domestic demand and supply position, international and domestic prices, consumer preference, varieties traded and the actual shipment against contracted quantities.

UNDP scheme for Jharkand and Uttaranchal

†1713. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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